

Brett, George Sidney

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Memorandum re Mr. E. E. Bott.

The question of Mr. Bott's appointment has been discussed with Prof. Hume. It is understood that Prof. Hume desires to have Mr. Bott appointed as an Assistant in the Dept. of Philosophy. It is not clear that Prof. Hume understands Mr. Bott's position or his relation to the Department: -

(a) The appointment of Mr. Bott should be made with direct reference to possible developments of our work in Logic & Psychology; also to the possible creation of a new Department in English & Philosophy. These developments must be postponed until after the war, obviously, & Mr. Bott is prepared to keep on with his present programme in view of the difficulties of war-time.

(b) While Mr. Bott is willing to recognise any difficulties which



prevent the University from acting freely  
at this time, he feels that he has a  
right to be considered as having,  
for all practical purposes, taken his  
Ph. D. degree: being therefore in a  
position equivalent to that of a  
graduate on our staff three years.

This means that he should  
be reckoned on the grade of \$1500,  
and if any part of that is now  
paid for Re-educational work or  
from any other department, that fact  
should not prejudice his status  
or be other than a matter of  
book-keeping.

As Prof. Hume does not seem  
to have consulted Mr. Holt, I may point  
out that it would be foolish to make  
an appointment without further  
consideration of the terms: the only result  
would be an injustice to Mr. Holt at  
this time & inconvenience to the Department  
next year.

G. S. Brett  
24/3/17.



